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**Amendments to the Claims**

Kindly amend claims 1, 2, 4, and 6 as indicated in the listing of claims herein. Cancel claims 3, 16-22, and 24-26. The listing of claims herein is intended to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A flame retardant article, comprising:

An expanded polymeric foam material comprising a polymer, antimony-free fire retardant, and a plurality of expanded polymeric microspheres, the foam material having an outer surface, the expanded polymeric foam material is a sheet and the outer surface comprises a first major surface and a second major surface; and

An adhesive layer formulated without fire retardant and disposed on at least a portion of one of the first or second major surfaces ~~associated with the outer surface,~~

Wherein the amount of expanded polymeric microspheres is from about 0.1 parts by weight to about 20 parts by weight based on 100 parts by weight of polymer.

2. (Currently amended) An article according to claim 1 wherein the article has a foam split strength greater than about 2.64 kN/m (~~→15 lbs/inch~~); 90 degree peel adhesion on stainless steel of greater than about 2.64 kN/m (~~→15 lbs/inch~~); and static shear strength at 22°C or 70°C of at least about 10, 000 minutes.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) An article according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein the adhesive layer is ~~formulated without fire retardant, the adhesive~~ disposed on at least a portion of both the first and second major surfaces.

5. (Original) An article according to claim 1 wherein the polymeric foam material is selected from the group consisting of elastomers, rubbers, thermoplastic elastomers, rubber based

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